THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The information regarding the industrial units lying closed in the country and details pertaining to them are not centrally maintained in the Ministry. However, information which is centrally collected by the Ministry of Labour on factories registered under the Factories Act, 1948, which are lying closed for long or short duration is given in standard tabulated forms published in the Indian Labour Journal, which is a monthly publication of the Labour Bureau, Government of India. Copies of the publication are available in the Parliament House Library.

(c) Government have already issued certain policy guidelines on revival of sick industries in October, 1981. The salient features of these guidelines have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

Further, Government have introduced a Bill in Lok Sabha titled "The Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Bill, 1985", *inter alia*, for establishing a quasi-judicial body to be known as the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction with powers to consider and suggest suitable measures for rehabilitation of sick industrial units after considering various aspects of sickness in individual units and alternative possibilities for revival and rehabilitation of such units.

Lok Adalats in Gujarat

119. SHRI RAOOF VALI-ULLAH : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats set up in Gujarat and other States :

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to reorganise the Lok Adalats ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to amend the Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code in order to make provisions for settlement of disputes through the Lok Adalats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : According to the information furnished by Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes the information is as follows :—

(a)

Name of the State/ Union Territory	No. of Lok Adalats
1. Gujarat .	96 (as on 27-10-1985).
2. Maharashtra	77 (during the year 1984-85).
3. Delhi	1
4. Uttar Pradesh	25 (as on 13-10-1985).
5. Tamil Nadu	172 Legal Aid Camps during the current year as on 30-9-1985.

(b) and (c) According to the information received from the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes, the Lok Adalats at present are voluntary agencies and are non-statutory. A Comprehensive Bill on Legal Aid which is under consideration of the Committee may contain provisions for Lok Adalats on statutory basis. The Committee has not yet finalised its recommendations on the subject.